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FORWARD

The Franklin County ASCS Office presents this annual report of its activities and accomplishments for 1975. This information gives a brief resume of the benefits every American receives either directly or indirectly from farm programs administered through ASCS. These programs provide the framework for a sound and balanced agricultural economy. This report may be used as a good reference anytime you need information about farm programs administered in Franklin County.

ADMINISTRATION

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, administers various programs by means of farmer committees in the broad fields of production adjustment, soil, water, and forest conservation assistance, and price and market stabilization.

The State ASC Committee, comprised of five farmer members, is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The State Committee makes policy determinations at the State level and appoints a State Executive Director who is in charge of the day to day operations. Each year Franklin County farmers elect three farmers to serve as community committeemen in each of the ten ASC communities in the county. They elect three farmers to serve on the county committee. The county committee determines ASCS policy in the county. They appoint a county executive director to carry out the day to day operations. Counties in the state are divided into nine administrative districts. A district director supervises the operations in each of these districts.

The total gross expenditures of the County Committee for the 1975 fiscal year were \$106,818.67.

State ASC Committee

Erick P. Little, Chairman John R. Jones
Gilbert L. Boger Rudolph W. Jones
Perry R. Lowe, Jr.

State Executive Director

W. T. Reece

District Directors

Ned C. Huneycutt & Max H. Cornwell

County ASC Committee

Bland J. Hill ----- Chairman
Bennie B. Williams ----- Vice-Chairman
Bennie R. Gupton ----- Member

Community ASC Committee

A-Cedar Rock

Steve Nelms

O. T. Fisher

R. S. May

B-Cypress Creek

Thomas Gay

J. L. Wood

George Murray

C-Dunn

O'Deyne Mullen

H. K. Baker

John Vollmer

D-Franklinton

Larry Wilder

J. E. Wright

D. W. Mitchiner

E-Goldmine

George Foster

Henry Nelms

K. S. Gupton

F-Harris

Horace W. Baker

W.R. Richards, Jr.

J. B. Arnold

G-Hayesville

W. E. Aycock

Richard Ayscue

J. D. Rowland

H-Louisburg

Wilbur Southall

Thomas Perdue

Maynard Baker

J-Sandy Creek

H. T. Edwards

J. C. Tharrington

O. F. Tharrington

K-Youngsville

Maryland Holmes

Stancil Woodlief

Raymond S. Keith

Office Personnel

John R. Davis ----- County Executive Dir.
Dorothy W. Clay---Chief Program Assistant
Mildred Bobbitt-Counter Program Assistant

Diana B. Cannady-----Program Assistant
 Ruby F. Abbott-----Program Assistant
 Dahlia H. Duke-----Program Assistant
 Jane J. Williams-----Program Assistant
 Sue C. Tharrington-----Program Assistant
 Willie J. Highsmith-----Custodian

Field Employees

Wilton Faulkner & Daniel L. Inscoe

Temporary Office Employee

Deborah Long-----NYC Worker

Tobacco Marketing Recorders

Robert Allen & Christine E. Burnette

1975 ACP

The 1975 Agricultural Conservation Program granted cost-sharing for practices which provide maximum conservation benefits. Conservation measures also enhance the quality of the environment in rural areas, control agricultural related pollution, preserve and restore our natural wildlife population. Annual and long term agreements help solve current as well as long range conservation problems. Special emphasis are placed on forestry practices through ACP cost-sharing and the Forestry Incentive Program.

Federal cost-sharing assistance was offered for carrying out practices under the 1975 ACP not to exceed \$2500. Under the 1975 Forestry Incentive Program cost-sharing assistance was offered at 75% of the actual cost not to exceed \$10,000.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Assistance</u>
Permanent Pasture---	147 Acres	\$ 6,041
Pasture Improvement-	292 Acres	6,280
Water Impoundment		
Reservoirs-----	23 Ponds	12,925
Stripcropping-----	20 Acres	400
Sediment, Chemical		
Runoff Control		
Measures-----	11 Farms	5,814
Application of Lime-	315 Acres	3,912

Cover Crops-----	2005 Acres	8,021
Forestry Prac-		
tices (FIP)----	305 Acres	20,533

CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

Seven farm operators diverted 154.1 acres of cropland to permanent cover in 1966 and 1967 under the CAP. The 1975 annual payment received by these producers amounted to \$11,923.17.

THE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1973

This Act established a four year program which embraced the "target" price concept. Target prices were established as follows for 1974 and 1975: Corn \$1.38 per bushel, Wheat \$2.05 per bushel, and Cotton .38 cents per pound. An escalator clause was included for 1976 and 1977 crops in order to adjust the target prices to reflect changes in the cost of production.

The Act provided two types of direct payments to farmers: (1) deficiency payments and (2) disaster payments. Deficiency payments are made when the average price received by farmers during the first five months of the marketing year falls below the target price established for a commodity. Disaster payments are made to feed grain, wheat and cotton producers to help offset crop losses due to natural disaster or to other causes beyond the farmers control.

Following is a summary of disaster program payments:

Feed Grain Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	2411
Total allotment (acres)-----	16,866.3
No. disaster payments-----	37
Amount of disaster payments---	\$ 7,927.92

Wheat Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	1519
Total allotment (acres)-----	6695.1
Disaster payments-----	0

Cotton Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	2154
County original allotment (acres)--	6282.6
No. farms releasing acreage-----	1995
Acreage released-----	5,865.5
Acreage planted-----	4.1
No. disaster payments-----	2
Amount of disaster payments-----	\$106.94

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

Flue-cured tobacco is the number one cash crop in Franklin County. The acreage-poundage program has been in effect since 1965. Each year the Secretary makes an estimate of the amount of tobacco that will be utilized and exported during the year and adjusts quotas upward or downward by the amount needed to bring production in balance with demand. Under this program, if the marketings from a farm are less than the poundage quota for the farm, the difference is added to the farm's quota (both acres and pounds) for the following year.

Price support was carried out through loans made available to the Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. The average loan level for the 1975 crop of flue-cured tobacco was 93.2 cents per pound.

Tobacco Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	2666
County basic allotment (acres)--	12,819.66
County effective allotment-----	13,187.98
County effective quota(pounds)-	23,545,904
Pounds marketed-----	21,088,572
Pounds undermarketed-----	2,457,332

Tobacco Lease and Transfer Program

The lease and transfer of tobacco poundage within the county continued in effect for 1975 and growers were permitted to transfer poundage by lease through November 30.

A total of 1235 lease agreements were

filed transferring 5,988,594 pounds between farms in the county.

Tobacco Warehouse Designation Program

The Tobacco Warehouse Designation Program was new for 1974. It was the tobacco farmers first opportunity to designate the warehouse(s) at which they would market their tobacco crops. To be eligible for price support farmers had to visit the County ASCS Office prior to the beginning of the marketing season and select warehouse(s) within a 100 mile radius of Louisburg at which they agreed to market their crop. Those who failed to designate during the initial period were permitted to designate during the redesignation periods when farmers were allowed to change warehouses.

The purpose of the program was to allow more orderly marketing and reduce congestion at warehouses. A majority of the farmers expressed approval of the program.

COMPLIANCE

Compliance by certification was in effect for 1975 for farms planting cotton, non-quota tobacco and filing requests for disaster payments.

Staking and referencing service was offered in 1975. Producers requested measurement service for tobacco on 5 farms. Quality control checks were made on planted cotton, ACP practices, CAP farms and feed grain disasters. These checks were made to determine the accuracy of farmer reports. Sixty farms were visited for quality control checks and six discrepancies were noted due to over or under statement of acreage.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The purpose of the Farm Storage & Facility Loan Program is to enable producers to obtain loans on grain bins and drying

equipment. Loans may be made to cover 70% of the purchase and erection costs. Loans are for a 5 year period with 4 equal annual repayments. Variable interest rates of 9.375, 6.125, and 7.5 were applicable in 1975.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The County ASCS Office performs other duties assigned to it by the Secretary of Agriculture from time to time, such as surveys, reports, and emergency programs. We also try to keep committeemen and farmers informed properly on all phases of the programs administered by ASCS through newsletters, newspaper articles, radio programs, letters and personal contacts.

Meetings were held during the year with community committeemen, farmers, schools and civic groups.

In all our activities we strive to give the very best service possible to every person regardless of sex, race, color or creed.

CONCLUSION

The Franklin County ASCS Office is located in the Agricultural Building on East Nash Street in Louisburg along with the other Agricultural Agencies. We are very grateful to our county commissioners for providing good office space.

Our office is open each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., except for legal holidays.

We are federal employees administering farm programs designed for the people of Franklin County. A cordial invitation to visit us is extended to all persons whenever our services are needed. You may wish to telephone us, if so, the number is Louisburg, #496-3121.

We hope you have enjoyed reviewing our annual report.